

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

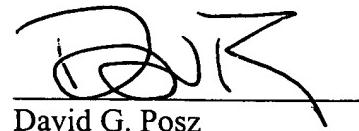
Claims 14-15 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Trojan et al. (USPN 5,499,841). However, for the reasons discussed below, the Examiner's rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 16-20 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants note this with appreciation. In response, Applicants have amended claim 16 to include the limitations of base claim 14, now canceled, and have amended claims 15 and 17-20 to depend from new independent claim 16. Therefore, claims 15-20 are now in allowable form.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

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